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FOR AMBASSADOR BRUCE FROM SISCO

1. I HAVE DISCUSSED REFTTEL WITH ART HARTMAN AND ROY
ATHERTON, AND WE AGREE THAT YOUR RECOMMENDATION ABOUT
DEFERRING NAC BRIEFING ON MIDDLE EAST MAKES SENSE AT THIS
JUNCTURE. MOST OF THE NATO AMBASSADORS HAVE COME IN
INDIVIDUALLY DURING THE PAST TEN DAYS AND HAVE RECEIVED
BRIEFINGS. WE ALSO AGREE WITH LINE YOU PROPOSE TAKING
WITH SYG LUNS. IF YOU THINK IT USEFUL, YOU MAY ADD THAT
WE RECOGNIZE THAT NAC AND HE PERSONALLY HAVE UNDERSTANDABLE
INTEREST IN OUTCOME OF OUR POLICY REASSESSMENT, AND WE WOULD
BE PREPARED TO PARTICIPATE IN DISCUSSION OF MIDDLE EAST AT
MAY 29-30 MEETING OR SOONER IF DEVELOPMENTS WARRANT. MEAN-
WHILE, WE WANT TO MAKE CLEAR THAT WE RECOGNIZE POTENTIALLY
DANGEROUS IMPLICATIONS OF PROLONGED MIDDLE EAST STALEMATE
AND REMAIN DETERMINED TO DO WHATEVER MAY BE POSSIBLE TO
RESTORE MOMENTUM TOWARD PEACE IN MIDDLE EAST FOR WHICH, WE

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KNOW, OUR POSITION GIVES US SPECIAL RESPONSIBILITY. KISSINGER

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